

# THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

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## TOWNSHIP REPORT.

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE'S WORK  
OF THE YEAR

interesting Statistics and Information—  
The Fire Chief's Report and Recom-  
mendations—Police Committee's Report  
and Suggestions—Information About  
the Construction of Local Sewers.

The annual report of the Township Committee for the year ending April 1, 1894, has been issued. It is a document of forty-eight pages, and in addition to the usual statistics contains the report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, the report of the Sewer Committee, together with an opinion from the Township Counsel relating to the local sewerage.

The Township Treasurer's receipts for the year amounted to \$71,318.64, and the disbursements, \$71,146.72, and the balance in bank, \$171.92. The amount expended for stone-road work during the year was \$14,368.26, and 14,317 linear feet of macadam road was put down. Since 1885 inclusive down to date there has been expended for macadam roads in this township \$74,108.08, and exclusive of Bloomfield Avenue there is a trifle short of 18 miles of stone road out of a total of 50 miles of streets in the township. There was expended for stone-road repairs \$3,079.05, of which Brookdale got the larger share on Upper Broad Street. Dirt-road repairs cost \$2,312.25, which represents work on 57 streets in all parts of the town. Stone gutters cost \$444.24. The police expenses were \$2,994.79. The expenditures for support of poor amounted to \$4,650.74, divided as follows: Coal and wood, \$411.85; groceries and meat, \$2,312.09; medical services, \$293.77; laundry, \$1,633.03; number of persons aided permanently, 20; and number of persons aided temporarily, 60. The Fire Department expenses were \$3,385.03, divided as follows: General department expenses, \$1,515.74; electric fire-alarm system, \$614.32; Essex Truck Co., \$49.68; Phoenix Hose Co., \$355.95; Active Hose Co., \$194.09; Excelsior Hose Co., \$256.15. Fire-alarm indicators were purchased during the year at an additional cost of \$600.

Street lighting cost \$8,787.38, of which \$2,611 remains unpaid. Fourteen gas-lamps were added to the system during the year, making a total of 152 hydrants. Six thousand five hundred and seventy feet of flagstone sidewalk was laid during the year, costing \$3,938.57. The Sidewalk Committee paid out \$2,910.15 on unpaid claims of previous years, making a total of \$6,848.2. Fourteen new crosswalks were put down during the year, and 13 crosswalks laid, and the total expenditures amounted to \$656.29. The contingent account expenditures amounted to \$1,880.13. The total financial receipts for the year amount to \$113,774.97 and the disbursements, \$113,484.26. The township resources are given as \$20,200, and the liabilities \$24,744.09.

The report of the Sewer Committee states that the total cost to the township of the union outlet sewer is a trifle less than \$54,000.

## Christ-Church Opening.

A very large congregation was present at Sunday morning at the opening service in the new Christ Church edifice. A programme of services appropriate to Easter was carried out. The music was very fine and a profuse display of flowers and palms surrounded the altar. The sexton preached from the text: "Now is Christ risen from the dead," 1 Cor. 15:20. The preacher dwelt on the general occasions for rejoicing in the great fact of the resurrection commemorated in the Easter celebration, and of the particular occasion for joy and thanksgiving which the members of Christ Church felt in coming into their new and beautiful home on this Easter day. The interior of the new church was very much admired, and visitors congratulated the members of the church on their successful accomplishment. The altar, which is of white stone, occupies an elevated and conspicuous position against the rear wall of the sanctuary. The latter is very spacious, and the clergy, surprised choir, and organist are in full view of the congregation. The acoustic properties of the church are excellent. An abundance of light is shed over the interior from the lantern tower. The whole interior is very picturesque.

## A Point Well Taken.

Henry Lawrence raised a point in the discussion of the water-supply question on Tuesday night which was one of the most important things brought out in the discussion. It had been previously stated that the Glen Ridge section of the town was to be supplied from the Montclair Water Company's main. Mr. Lawrence asked if the contract provided

against compelling the whole town to use the water from the Montclair pipes instead of that from the Orange Company's own wells. It was late in the evening when Mr. Lawrence propounded his query, and the matter did not receive the attention that its importance deserved.

## A Night with the Sports.

Metz's Hall presented a lively scene on Monday night. What was undoubtedly the greatest array of sporting talent ever assembled at one time in this town was present on that night at the ball of the Watsessing Field Club. The sporting blood of East Orange, full-blooded game stock from Orange, and the talent of this town were all largely represented. The great attraction for the sporting gentry was the army of semi-professional pugilistic talent engaged for the occasion, and who donned the gloves and faced each other in the ring. The intervals between the boxing bouts was devoted to dancing, which was enjoyed by young men and women of a social turn. During these intervals the sports adjourned to the bar.

The Watsessing Social Club attended the ball in a body and occupied the gallery, from which they lustily cheered the pugilists. Mr. Spielman was master of ceremonies. After a season of dancing the floor was cleared and a rope brought, with which a ring was formed. The sports rushed from the bar and formed a compact circle three or four deep around the ring. The young women, enthusiastic admirers of the manly art, stood on a bench and looked into the ring over the heads of the sports. Mr. Spielman took his position in the ring and was quickly followed by Mr. C. Kuehne and his second and Mr. Schlosser and his second. The pugilists occupied chairs in their respective corners. Mr. Spielman announced "Mr. Schlosser, ladies and gentlemen," and Mr. Schlosser arose, bowed, and was greeted by cheers. Then Mr. Spielman ordered the men to put on gloves, then to shake hands, then to go.

The order was followed by a series of agile evolutions about the ring, then biff, bang, and the big gloves smashed up against their faces. "Oh my! that was a daisy," exclaimed the sports, and the cheering from the Watsessing Social Club in the gallery was vociferous. The dodging and biffing and banging lasted three minutes, when Mr. Spielman called time, and for an interval of a minute the seconds joined the principals with towels. This was repeated three times and then the bout was over. The rope was taken away, the sports departed for the bar, the music struck a bar or two also, the young women got down from their benches and enjoyed a dance, and the Watsessing Social Club discussed the merits of the men.

After the dance was over the ring was again formed, the sports reappeared, and Mr. Spielman announced Master McKeon of the Ariel A. C. and Master Gregory of the Clipper A. C., and the Watsessing Social Club resumed its cheering. Masters McKeon and Gregory are two boys about sixteen years of age, and after a rattling mill the sports adjudged them the best boxers of the evening. Other talent announced by Mr. Spielman during the course of the evening were Messrs. Tucker and Leavy of Newark, whose scientific sparring aroused great enthusiasm; Mr. James Crow and Mr. Harry Conley, both of Orange; Mr. Schultz of Newark and Ray Badgeley of Orange; during this bout Mr. Schultz landed heavily several times on Mr. Badgeley's nose and the latter gentleman lost his temper and wanted to fight to a finish. It was some time before order was restored.

The bout between Mr. Beams and Mr. Wallace, both heavy weights, was a hard-hitting affair, and the Watsessing Social Club outdid itself in cheering. The final bout was between "Bob" Foster of this town and Fred Smith of Newark. The boxing and dancing concluded about six o'clock in the morning, and when the sun rose the Watsessing Social Club was still cheering.

## Duncan Clark's Minstrels.

Duncan Clark's female minstrel troupe will appear in Central Hall on Tuesday evening, April 3. With respect to a recent visit of this troupe to this town and the gossip current in connection therewith, the manager of the troupe writes to say that he was present at the truck-house on the night in question, and emphatically denies that there was any indecorous conduct on the part of the members of the troupe. He says: "Members of my company are at all times to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen under penalty of instant dismissal." The manager vouches for it that the show on Tuesday night will be refined and pleasing.

Mrs. M. F. Patterson's Millinery Opening will be held at her parlor in the Maynard building, Montclair, Wednesday and Thursday, April 4th and 5th. No cards. All the ladies of Bloomfield and Glen Ridge are invited. —Adet.

## DR. BALLANTINE WILL LEAVE.

## TOWN COMMITTEE'S ROUND.

### THE CONGREGATION CONSENTS TO A DISSOLUTION OF THE PASTORAL RELATIONS.

#### Commissioners Appointed to Go Before the Presbytery—That Body Will Meet in Newark April 4th—Termination of a Long and Successful Pastorate.

At a meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday night the following minute was adopted:

Our pastor, Dr. H. W. Ballantine, having asked this congregation to unite with him in an application to the Presbytery for leave to resign his office in order to accept a call from the First Congregational Church in Baltimore, we desire to express to him our great reluctance to accede to his request, and our deep regret that he has thought it advisable to close his successful pastorate of nearly twenty years. We cheerfully recognize the earnestness and ability of his pulpit services, his faithfulness as a pastor, and his high Christian character. These have gained for him the esteem of the whole community.

In the union work of the churches he has borne a leading part. As a citizen he has efficiently promoted the welfare of the town. In all things he has adorned the doctrine of God our Savior. Believing that it would be unwise to oppose his settled wish to terminate his pastorate and affectionately commanding him to his new charge.

*Resolved:* That three Commissioners be appointed who shall express to the Presbytery the acquiescence of this congregation in his request.

The commissioners appointed, in accordance with the above were H. H. Biddulph, N. H. Dodd, and Peter Carter. They will represent the church at the meeting of the Presbytery in the First Presbyterian Church, Newark, on Wednesday, April 4.

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It is with feelings of deepest regret on the part of the very large majority of the membership of the church that the pastoral relations which have become loving ties with many are about to be dissolved. Many members of the church can hardly broach the subject without being moved to tears. Dr. Ballantine's departure, owing to circumstances attending it, is one of the most sorrowful episodes in the church history of this town.

The First Church has enjoyed both spiritual and physical prosperity under the pastorate of Dr. Ballantine. The admissions to the membership have been large. The church has co-operated heartily in religious movements of a general character. The interior of the church has been very much improved and the edifice has been enlarged by the erection of an imposing and beautiful Sunday-school room, and on every hand there are indications of improvement vigor and growth. Many earnest prayers will follow Dr. Ballantine to his new field desiring for him a happy and prosperous career. These desires are not confined to the church alone it is the almost unanimous desire of the people of this town who have known him so long and learned to love him and feel that Baltimore gains a Bloomfield loss.

## Good Fighters.

However much some people may disagree with the municipalists in theory, everybody must admire their fighting qualities. Edward S. Wilde, who is unquestionably the leader of the party, conducts a skilful fight, and is ably assisted by Mr. Hopping.

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## A LIVELY BATTLE RESULTS IN A DRAW.

#### The Municipalists Apparently Gain a Point—A One-Year Contract Authorized with the Orange Water Company.

The question of a water supply for this town was the subject of another lively battle on Tuesday night, and the result was apparently a draw. The township seems to be in about the same position to-day that it was in three months ago, when the contract with the Orange Water Company expired. Central Hall was crowded with citizens, some of whom came to talk, others to listen and vote, and others for entertainment. There was an abundance of talking, considerable voting, and those who were there for entertainment pronounced it as good as a circus. A number of those who came to the meeting for the purpose of voting got very weary of the talking, and left before a vote was taken.

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## PRICE FIVE CENTS.

## THE MUNICIPALISTS' ROUND.

### A VERY TAME MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT.

The Anti-Municipalists were D. Q.—No Heads Popped Up to be Clubbed—Mr. E. S. Wilde's Brilliant Elocutionary Feat.

It requires an elocutionist of an exceptional merit to hold a large audience for the long stretch of one hour and twenty minutes without intermission. Mr. Edward S. Wilde performed that brilliant oration in Central Hall on Monday night, and the prodigioseness of the feat will be the more admired when attention is called to the fact that the only material he had at hand was the report signed by twelve members of the Committee of Thirty. Mr. Wilde read this report from pages one to thirty inclusive, and kept up an interest from beginning to end. Several of his well-rounded periods embodying a keen thrust at "private corporations," were applauded. There was a large attendance at the meeting. J. Banks Reform presided and William Biggart was secretary. At the conclusion of the reading of the report the meeting was open for discussion. The anti-municipalists were not open to challenge and declined discussion. One of them said afterward, metaphorically speaking that he discerned the club in the hands of Messrs. Wilde and Hopping and he did not propose to expose his head to clubbing. Other anti-municipalists probably deemed it wise to exercise similar discretion.

Herbert Farrand who had the temerity to venture a criticism of some items in the report, was answered by Messrs. Wilde, Reform, and Hopping.

A resolution offered by Mr. Wilde was adopted. It was to the effect that the Town Committee be enjoined from making a contract for water and light for a period of over one year and also favored municipal ownership. The resolution was ordered presented at the meeting on Tuesday night, and at the annual town meeting on April 2.

*Farewell to their Pastor.*  
A social was held in the church parlor of the Park M. E. Church on Monday night, under the auspices of the Epworth League, which was in the nature of a farewell to the pastor of

Rev. R. L. Collins, whose five years' term expires this conference year. A fine programme was arranged and well carried out, and much enjoyed by the large attendance. Clarence E. Van Winkle, President of the League, made an opening address in which he reviewed the pleasant relations that had existed between the young people and the pastor during the latter's ministry. Mr. Van Winkle's address was followed by a piano solo by Miss Florence Rusby. Mr. Fred Mohrman, the well-known elocutionist, was next introduced, and "brought down the house" with a reading entitled "Selecting a Minister." Mr. Mohrman's inimitable delineations of the character sketches in the piece occasioned boisterous laughter, and he had to respond to a deafening and prolonged encore. Miss J. Estelle Lockwood sang a solo. Repeated calls for Mohrman arose from all parts of the room, and the great humorist was again brought forward, and again delighted the audience. Miss Grace Martin and Mr. Arthur B. Davis sang a duet. President Van Winkle called on the Rev. C. C. Winslow of the Watsessing M. E. Church for remarks. The Rev. Mr. Winslow and the Rev. Mr. Collins started in the ministry together about thirty years ago, and the speaker was able to entertain the audience with some interesting reminiscences.

The preacher's remarks were very keen on this subject. A very large congregation heard the sermon.

Honorary and active members of Essex numbered about sixty. Easter anthems were sung by the choir, and beautiful floral decorations surrounded the pulpit.

## Base-Ball Items.

The following games have been arranged by Manager Griffin and Secretary Wilson of the Watsessing Field Club: April 21, Manhattan Field Club; at Watsessing; April 28, Keating A. C., at Watsessing; May 5, Woodstocks, at Belleville; May 12, Sidney B. C., at Watsessing; May 19, Puritan A. C., at Watsessing; May 26, Arlington A. C., at Watsessing; May 30 (two games), Verona A. C., at Watsessing; June 2, Woodstocks, at Watsessing; June 9, Seneca B. C., at Watsessing; June 16, Puritan A. C., at Greenville; June 23, St. George A. C., at Watsessing; June 30, Counsel A. C., at Watsessing.

## It is not yet decided where the Field Club will play.

They are endeavoring to secure grounds more accessible to the Watsessing depot. The grounds used last year were too remote from the Club house and the station, but if better arrangements cannot be made the club will have to use them again this season.

## For a New Chapel.

Dr. Harry E. Richards will lecture in the chapel of the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening, April 1